

SENATE BILL NO. 178

BY SENATOR NEVERS

AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 33:4574(B)(30), 4574.1.1(A)(30), 4574.2(E), and 4574.6, relative to the Tangipahoa Parish Tourist and Film Commission; to rename the commission; and to provide for related matters.

Notice of intention to introduce this Act has been published.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 33:4574(B)(30), 4574.1.1(A)(30), 4574.2(E), and 4574.6 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§4574. Tourist commissions; creation; purpose; directors; powers

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B. Pursuant to Article VI, Sections 19 and 30 of the Constitution of Louisiana, the following commissions and bureaus, hereafter collectively referred to in this Chapter as "tourist commissions" or "commissions", are hereby specifically created as special districts or commissions. Each such commission shall be a body politic and corporate and a political subdivision of the state of Louisiana, composed of the following territory:

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(30) Tangipahoa Parish Tourist ~~and Film~~ Commission composed of all the territory in Tangipahoa Parish.

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§4574.1.1. Occupancy taxes levied by the commissions

A. For the purposes set forth in Paragraph (F)(3) of this Section, a commission created pursuant to R.S. 33:4574(B) is authorized to levy and collect a tax upon the occupancy of hotel rooms, motel rooms, and overnight camping facilities within the jurisdiction of the commission. Such tax shall not exceed the following percentages of the rent or fee charged for such occupancy:

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(30) Tangipahoa Parish Tourist ~~and Film~~ Commission, four percent.

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§4574.2. Budget; borrowing money; audit

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E. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection B of this Section, or of any other law to the contrary, but otherwise in accordance with the provisions of Subsection B, the Tangipahoa Parish Tourist ~~and Film~~ Commission may borrow money to construct a tourist information center on property leased by the commission from the parish provided that the funds are borrowed from a licensed financial institution, the loan is secured by a first mortgage upon the immovable property of the commission, the sum borrowed is less than the market value of the immovable property pledged as security for the loan, and the payments under such loan can be repaid out of the revenue anticipated from the tax authorized herein during the period in which the loan is to be repaid.

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§4574.6. Tangipahoa Parish Tourist ~~and Film~~ Commission; acquisition of property

A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Tangipahoa Parish Tourist ~~and Film~~ Commission may acquire, purchase, and lease as lessee property, real, personal, or mixed, for carrying out the purposes of the commission and may sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any property or interest therein at any time acquired by it. The title to all such property shall be taken in the name of the commission.

B. Notwithstanding the provisions of R.S. 33:4574(F), the Tangipahoa Parish Tourist ~~and Film~~ Commission shall be governed by a board of directors of eight

1 members appointed by the governing authority of the parish of Tangipahoa for terms
2 of three years.

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____